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Sir:

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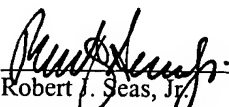
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Given below are prior arts with their brief descriptions.

Japanese Literature

(1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent No.H7-94036

In an electro- magnetic interference work of a flat cable, in order to improve workability of that work, the flat cable is formed containing a film forming material consisting of a thermoplastic resin having a heat sealing property as a main constituent and silver particles and /or copper particles.

(2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent No.H11-120831

In order to obtain a shielding tape having superior properties of electro-magnetic wave shielding and sliding as well as flexibility and nevertheless low priced, the shielding tape is formed with a silver deposited layer and an adhesive resin layer containing nickel filler having a heat sealing property provided one upon another on one side of an electric insulating film as a protective layer, the sealing flat cable is sheathed so that the adhesive resin layer containing the nickel filler contacts with uninsulated portions of ground lines.

Foreign Literature

None